
Château Domeyne 2014

CSPC# 749552

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

Saint Estephe

Classification

Cru Bourgeois

Website

<http://www.domeyne.fr/en.html>

General Info

The vineyard of Château Domeyne is located on a beautiful hill of big gravels and it surrounds the vineyard of Château Calon-Segur. The property confirmed in 2003 its ranking of the 1932 Cru Bourgeois and collects good scores every year. Excellent facilities allow the winemaking of a wine full of nuances and personality. In 2006, Château Domeyne was bought by Claire Villars Lurton, owner of Château Haut-Bages Liberal and Château Ferrière, 5th Classified Growth of Pauillac and 3rd Classified Growth of Margaux, and her husband Gonzague Lurton, owner of Château Durfort Vivens, 2nd Classified Growth of Margaux. They put all their know-how to lift this wine among the best in the classification of Saint Estèphe. In this new goal of quality, Claire and Gonzague LURTON carry on the challenge to bring to light Château Domeyne.

Vintage

The key features of the 2014 weather were a very irregular rainfall pattern across the region, a cool and relatively wet August, and a magnificently long, warm, and dry autumn. September and October each had nearly one third more sunshine than usual and, respectively, one quarter and less than half their normal rainfall. Perfect conditions, of course, for the harvest.

Vineyards

Only 5 hectares of vines are used for this wine which is unusual for St Estèphe in that the blend is Merlot-dominant (60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon). Soil is big clayey gravels. Vine age 40 yrs. Density 10,000 plants/ha. Yield 800g/plant.

Harvest

Hand picking. Main sorting on the plant and final sorting on table

Vinification/

Traditional Bordeaux style winemaking in stainless steel and thermo-regulated vats

Maturation

18 to 24 days. Ageing in oak barrel for 12 months. 25% of new oak

Production

2,500 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2019-2028

Scores/Awards

91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2017

89-92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2015

89-90 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2015

15.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only)

Reviews

"Solidly built, with a slightly rugged charcoal edge around the core of steeped plum and red currant fruit. Ample tobacco and warm stone notes emerge on the finish. Best from 2019 through 2028. 2,500 cases made."

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Well-focused, with a racy beam of red currant and cherry fruit, lined with iron and pebble hints. Energetic acidity keeps the finish lively. Score range: 89-92"

- JM, Wine Spectator

